

The Daily Courant.

Saturday, December 25 1703.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated Dec, 28.

Turin, December 8.

HIS Royal Highness having given sufficient Orders for putting Alba into the best State of Defence it is capable of, and conferr'd the Government of that Place on the Marquess de Parella, return'd on the 6th to Chieri, where he call'd a Council of War, in which it was resolv'd that the Army should decamp and advance between Castelnovo and Montafia, to keep a strict Eye on the Enemy, who have put 2 Battallions into those 2 Places, and the like number into Monte-Chiaro and Passerano, with Cannon in each. They have likewise quarter'd some Troops in Bagnasco and other Places thereabouts. The 2 Regiments of French Refugees that are raising in this Country will soon be compleated. Ammunition, Provisions, and Workmen, are sent from hence to Alba.

Asti, Dec. 8. The Grand Prior, who commands the Troops of the 2 Crowns that are in these Quarters, during the Absence of his Brother the Duke of Vendome, is out every Day on Horseback to visit one Quarter or other. On the 6th he went as far as Verso, between Villeneuve d'Asti and Turin, and but narrowly mis'd being taken; His Guard of 300 Horse was charg'd and put into disorder by the Piemontois of the Garrisons of Chieri and Montcalier: Several Germans of Count Staremberg's Army have been stopp'd in endeavouring to get into Piemont disguis'd in different Manners, but some have pass'd. The Savoyards are strengthening the Fortifications of Alba, and we are making Preparations to attack that Place.

From the Hague Gazette, dated Dec. 27.

Turin, Dec. 12. On the 9th his Royal Highness return'd hither. General Visconti came hither Yesterday, and was very favourably receiv'd by his Royal Highness: That General, 'tis said, will command the Forces that lye between the Po and the Tanaro about Alba and Carmagnola, among which are the Imperial Horse he brought with him: Our Duke has given 200 Horses to so many of the Germans who lost their Horses before they could get into Piemont. The Marquess de Parella has sent hither 2 Standards and 1 Colours taken from the French in the late Action near Alba. The Enemies Army being separated and gone into Quarters, and the Hills being already cover'd with Snow, we look for no further Action in the Field this Winter. Several French Officers have been seiz'd at Suza, who were come from France to go to the Duke of Vendome's Army Disguis'd in the Habits of Peasants.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated Jan, 1.

Geneva, Dec. 18. Some Days ago pass'd through this City 2 Deputies from the Cantons of Bern and Fribourg, in their way to Chamberi, where they are arriv'd and have solicited the Marshal de Feuillade, not only to suspend Hostilities in Savoy, but to treat with them about the Neutrality of that Duchy. The Marshal de Thesse arriv'd here Yesterday incognito from Chamberi, and alighted at the House of Monsieur de Claufure Resident of France: Our Re-

gents intended to give him a magnificent Reception, but he excus'd it with great Thanks. He will set out in a day or two for Italy through Valais, his Equipage is gone before. The Marquess de Sales ha, again abandon'd Anneci, and the French are now in Possession of it: The Marquess, who is retir'd into the Chablais, designs, 'tis said, to march with the Troops he has under him into Piemont, through the Valley of Aoste.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Dec. 29.

Basil, Dec. 19. The Memorials deliver'd to the General Diet of the Cantons by the Ministers of France and Savoy, are not yet made Publick. But the Envoy of Savoy's is best lik'd, because he discovers to the Cantons a Design of the Kings of France and Spain to part Switzerland between themselves and his Master; he tells them what share the 2 Crowns were to have had, and that his Master was to have had the Territories of Gex and Geneva! The Catholick Cantons are very much alarm'd at this, begin to lay to Heart the Conservation of the Liberties of of the Helvetick Body, and seem resolv'd not to suffer France to shut them up on all Sides. 'Tis not to be doubted but they will grant Succours to the Duke of Savoy; and 'tis talk'd of as a thing certain, that they have receiv'd Money from the Duke of Savoy, and promis'd to furnish him with Troops on as easie Terms as they have ever granted the King of France. 'Tis taken notice of, that the Cantons of Uri, Sweits, and Onderwall, have sent 3 Deputies each to this Diet. The Abbot of St. Gall lyes under a General Odium for treating his Subjects too arbitrarily; he is come to the Diet in Person to justify himself. On the 17th the Ambassador of France was to have declar'd himself peremptorily touching the Neutrality of Savoy, and of the Towns on the Lake of Constance. But what he has done we know not.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Jan. 1.

Basil, Dec. 22. The General Diet of the Cantons held at Baden which began to sit on the 10th is broken up till after the Holydays; Mean time the Deputies are returning home to give their Principals an Account of what pass'd; and 'tis reported it was absolutely determined in this Diet to insist on the Neutrality of Savoy.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated Dec. 27.

From the Camp of the Elector of Bavaria before Augsburg, Dec. 15. The 6th of this Month, having open'd our Trenches and finish'd our Batteries we began to batter this City with 120 pieces of Cannon and 40 Mortars; which continued playing all that day and the night following. The 8th several Bombs and burning Bullets were thrown in, which set fire to some Houses, and made the People set up a lamentable Outcry. The following night, 100 of our Guns great and small were pointed to make a Breach near the Glocker Gate and in a Bulwark hard by it, which continued battering the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th. The 13th a Letter was intercepted, in which General Bibra Governour of the Place was advertis'd, that he should not expect to be reliev'd; which Letter his Electoral Highness sent in to him by the Messenger taken with it: At the same time he sent in the Hostages.

Hostages given him by the City Magistrates long since when they accepted a Neutrality from him, to signify to the Regents and to the Governour, that if they delay'd to deliver up the Place to him, he would lay it in Ashes, and put all the Garrison to the Sword, or at least make them Prisoners of War. They were loath to submit, but considering the Place was attack'd in the weakest part, and that there was already a Breach made in the Walls, so wide that several Battalions together might mount in Front, the Besieged determin'd to surrender yesterday, on Condition the Garrison should march out with 4 Pieces of Cannon, and Ammunition for 4 Discharges, but without Baggage, to be conducted to Nordlingen: Which being agreed, this day the Marshal de Marfin march'd in with 10 Squadrons and 16 Battalions, almost all French. In this City, which is much such another as Antwerp, are found 130 Pieces of Cannon, Arms for 10000 Men, and the Enemies Baggage, but not much Ammunition. The Citizens are excluded the Capitation, not but General Bibra did all he could to get them compris'd in it, that their Privileges and the free Exercise of Religion might have been secur'd to them; but the Elector of Bavaria was inflexible, and told him he would not be prescrib'd, that he knew what he had to do, and that he was no Tyrant. We know not yet whether we shall next attack Nordlingen, Passau, Nuremberg, or Amberg, or whether we shall march into Winter Quarters.

Frankfort, Dec. 23. The Prince of Baden has declar'd, that he will go no more into the Field unless the Emperor will let him have Forces enow to act offensively against the Enemy; Count Thungen, who in the Prince's Absence commands the Army of the Emperor and his Allies quarter'd between the Danube and the Lake of Constance, is order'd to agree upon a Cartel with the French and Bavarians for exchanging Prisoners. 'Tis reported the Magistrates of Augsburg having desir'd an Audience of the Elector of Bavaria, he refus'd to admit them into his presence, and referr'd them to the Baron Prielmayer his chief Minister, who acquainted them on the part of his Electoral Highness, that they must pay 200000 Crowns to reimburse him the Charge he had been at in carrying on the Siege, and 20000 to Ransom their Church Bells, and that his Electoral Highness intended to make some Alteration in the Magistracy.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated Jan. 1,

Paris, Dec. 21. The Duke of Berwick is Naturaliz'd; and 'tis said will be made a Marshal of France before he goes to Spain, and that the Marshals de Tallard and Villars, will be made Dukes.

From the Paris Gazette a la Main, dated Dec. 21.

Paris, Dec. 21. The Duke of Vendome has sent Advice from Milan, that he had receiv'd Letters from the Count de Bezons, who commands the Army on the Secchia since the Prince of Vaudemont left it, informing him that Count Staremberg has detach'd 3 of his best Regiments to go to Germany. The Count de Coignis, who commands the Troops on the Moselle, is order'd to lay Siege to Kern, and to inable him to carry it on, he will be reinforc'd by a Body of Troops led by the Marquess de Varennes.

The last Paris Gazette dated Dec. 22. has an Article from Madrid of the 4th of this Month, Which makes no Mention of the King of Spain's having declar'd War against Portugal,

Hague, Jan. 1. The Count de Noyelles with a Body of between 20 and 30000 Men drawn out of the Garrisons on the Maese, has broken into the Enimies Lines near Hanuyé, and his Men are levelling the Lines; what he will attempt further is not yet known. Mean time the Marshal de Villeroy is drawing together some Troops at Antwerp and making Preparations for some Enterprize; but the Garrisons of Bergen op Zoom, Bolduc, and Breda, are in Motion to alarm the Lines near Antwerp; and General Cohorn, having sufficiently secur'd the Communication between Lillo

and Doel by strengthening the Fortifications of the Fort of Doel lately taken by him, is actually bombarding or attacking some Forts new rais'd by the Enemy to incommode Hult. The Russel Man of War, which was blown ashore near Helvoetsluys, is got off with little Damage.

Deale, Dec. 23. Yesterday in the Afternoon the Squadron under Adm. Callenberg sail'd by on the back of the Goodwin Sands to the Westward, most of the outward bound joyn'd them off the South Sand Head. The rest sail'd also this Morning under convoy of Her Majesty's Ship the Eagle. Her Majesty's Ship the Assistance sail'd also this Morning to the Westward. So that here remain only Her Majesty's Ships the Essex, Nottingham, Warspight, and one Merchant Ship bound to Ireland.

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